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AN ARMoured REGIMENT  
(TROPICAL SCALE)

Consisting of –

Regimental headquarters – 4 tanks, medium

Headquarter squadron –

Squadron headquarters  
Intercommunication troop  
Administrative troop

One squadron –

Squadron headquarters –  
Fighting portion – 4 tanks, light  
Administrative portion  
Four troops, each of 3 tanks, light

Two squadrons, each of –

Squadron headquarters –  
Fighting portion – 4 tanks, medium  
Administrative portion  
Four troops, each of 3 tanks, medium

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

## (i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Regimental headquarters	Headquarter squadron				One squadron			Two squadrons (each)			Total, armoured regiment (tropical scale)
		Squadron headquarters	Inter-communication troop	Administrative troop	Total, headquarter squadron	Squadron headquarters	Four troops (each)	Total, squadron	Squadron headquarters	Four troops (each)	Total, squadron	
Lieutenant-colonel	1											1
Majors	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Captain (adjutant)	1											1
Captain (quartermaster)				1	1							1
Captain (transport officer)				1	1							1
Captains		1			1	(a)2		2	(a)2		2	7
Lieutenant (intelligence officer)	1											1
Lieutenant (signal officer)	1											1
Lieutenants	(b)1						1	4		1	4	13
Total, officers	6	2		2	4	3	1	7	3	1	7	31
Regimental sergeant-major	1											1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant				1	1							1
Quartermaster-sergeant (technical)				1	1							1
Squadron sergeant-majors		1			1	1		1	1		1	4
Total, warrant officers	1	1		2	3	1		1	1		1	7
Squadron quartermaster-sergeants				1	1	1		1	1		1	4
Orderly room sergeants				(c)2	2							2
Provost sergeant				1	1							1
Intelligence sergeant	1											1
Sergeant technical storeman				1	1							1
Sergeant tailor				1	1							1
Signal sergeant				1	1							1
Sergeants	2		1		1	3	1	7	3	1	7	24
Transport sergeants				1	1	1		1	1		1	4
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	3		1	8	9	5	1	9	5	1	9	39
Corporals	2		2	6	8	8	3	20	8	3	20	70
Troopers	18	5	15	63	83	43	12	91	60	19	136	464
Total, rank and file	20	5	17	69	91	51	15	111	68	22	156	534

Detail	Regimental headquarters	Headquarter squadron				One squadron			Two squadrons (each)			Total, armoured regiment (tropical scale)
		Squadron headquarters	Inter-communication troop	Administrative troop	Total, headquarter squadron	Squadron headquarters	Four troops (each)	Total, squadron	Squadron headquarters	Four troops (each)	Total, squadron	
Total, other ranks	24	6	18	79	103	57	16	121	74	23	166	580
Total, all ranks	30	8	18	81	107	60	17	128	77	24	173	(d)611
Attached –												
A.A.M.C. –												
Captain				1	1							1
Sergeant (hygiene inspector)				1	1							1
Sergeant				1	1							1
Corporals						1		1	1		1	3
A.A.O.C. –												
Corporal shoemaker				1	1							1
A.E.M.E.												
Warrant officer class II (armament artificer, fitter A.F.V)				1	1							1
Sergeants –												
Armourer				1	1							1
Fitters, A.F.V.				1	1	1		1	1		1	4
Corporals –												
Armourer				1	1							1
Electrician				1	1							1
Fitters						1		1	1		1	3
Mechanics, M.V.				2	2							2
Craftsmen –												
Electricians (trade group I)						1		1	1		1	3
Fitters (Trade group I)						2		2	2		2	6
Fitters, gun (Trade group I)				1	1	1		1	1		1	4
Mechanics, M.V. (Trade group II)						5		5	5		5	15
A.A.C.C. –												
Warrant officer class II (caterer)				1	1							1
Sergeants				1	1	1		1	1		1	4
Corporals				1	1	1		1	1		1	4

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		Squadron headquarters	Inter-communication troop	Administrative troop	Total, headquarter squadron	Squadron headquarters	Four troops (each)	Total, squadron	Squadron headquarters	Four troops (each)	Total, squadron	
Privates (Trade group II)				2	2	2		2	3		3	10
A.A.P.C. –												
Sergeants				1	1							1
Postal services –												
Sergeant				1	1							1
Total, all ranks including attached	30	8	18	100	126	76	17	144	94	24	190	680
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties												
Trade group II												
Carpenter and joiner				1	1							1
Driver-operators	(e)6	3	(f)17	1	21	(e)7	(e)5	27	(e)7	(e)5	27	108
Gunner-operators	3								7	7	35	73
Intelligence duties						(e)1		1	(e)1		1	3
Trade group III												
Butcher				1	1							1
Clerks				(f)6	6	(e)2		2	(e)2		2	12
Driver-mechanics	6	1		6	7	(f)11	(e)5	31	(f)12	(e)5	32	108
Equipment repairer				1	1							1
Tailor				(e)1	1							1
Technical storemen				(e)4	4	(e)1		1	(e)1		1	7
Non-specialists –												
Batmen				12	12	7		7	7		7	33
Drivers, M.T.	(e)1	1		(f)28	29	(f)15		15	(f)18		18	81
Gun numbers	4					4	(e)5	24	10	(e)5	30	88
Hygiene dutymen				2	2	1		1	1		1	5
Regimental police				3	3							3
Storemen				2	2	1		1	1		1	5
Water dutymen				1	1	1		1	1		1	4
Total, rank and file	20	5	17	69	91	51	15	111	68	22	156	534
(iii) Transport												

Detail	Regimental headquarters	Headquarter squadron				One squadron			Two squadrons (each)			Total, armoured regiment (tropical scale)
		Squadron headquarters	Inter-communication troop	Administrative troop	Total, headquarter squadron	Squadron headquarters	Four troops (each)	Total, squadron	Squadron headquarters	Four troops (each)	Total, squadron	
Trucks, ¼-ton	2	1	10	12	23	2		2	2		2	31
Trucks, 15-cet. –												
G.S.				6	6	2		2	2		2	12
Wireless		1		1	2							2
Trucks, 3-ton –												
A.A.L.M.G.				5	5	3		3	3		3	14
G.S.				9	9	8		8	11		11	39
Office unit				1	1							1
Stores, binned				2	2							2
Water				1	1	1		1	1		1	4
Tanks, light						4	3	16				16
Tanks, medium	4								4	3	16	36
Carriers, tracked, starting and charging						1		1				1
Trailers, mobile cooker				1	1	1		1	1		1	4
Trailers, jeep			10	12	22	1		1	1		1	25
Total, vehicles (including trailers)	6	2	10	37	49	21	3	33	23	3	35	158

(iv) Organization

Note –

This organization may be varied, within the numbers of ranks, tradesmen and vehicles provided, according to tactical or administrative equipments

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Truck, ¼-ton	1	Commanding officers truck Corporal driver, M.T.		
Truck, ¼-ton	2	Intelligence officer Driver-operator		
Tank, medium	1	Lieutenant-colonel Adjutant Sergeant Driver-operator Gun number Driver-mechanic		
Tank, medium	2	Major Regimental sergeant-major Gunner-operator Corporal driver-operator Gun number Driver-mechanic		
Tank, medium	3	Signal officer Sergeant <i>Signalman (Aust. Corps of Signals)</i> Gunner-operator Gun number Driver-mechanic		
Tank, medium	4	Lieutenant Intelligence sergeant Driver-operator Gunner-operator Gun number Driver-mechanic		
Carried in Administrative Troop		2 relief driver-operators 2 relief driver-mechanics		
<i>Total</i>				
<i>Personnel</i>		<i>Weapons</i>		
<i>Officers</i>	6	<i>Pistols</i>	22	
<i>Other ranks</i>	24	<i>Sub machine guns</i>	8	

HEADQUARTER SQUADRON

*Squadron headquarters*

Truck, ¼-ton		Major Driver-operator Driver-mechanic Wireless set		
Truck, 15-cwt., wireless		Captain Squadron sergeant-major Driver-operator Driver, M.T. Wireless set		
Carried in Administrative Troop		Relief driver-operator		
<i>Total</i>				
<i>Personnel</i>		<i>Weapons</i>		
<i>Officers</i>	2	<i>Pistols</i>	3	
<i>Other ranks</i>	6	<i>Rifles</i>	3	
		<i>Sub machine guns</i>	2	

*Intercommunication troop*

Truck, ¼-ton	1	Transport officer Driver-operator Wireless set Trailer		
Truck, ¼-ton	2	Sergeant Driver-operator Wireless set Trailer		
Trucks, ¼-ton	3 and 4 (each)	Corporal driver-operator Driver-operator Wireless set Trailer		
Trucks, ¼-ton	5 – 9 (each)	2 driver-operators Wireless set Trailer		
Truck, ¼-ton	10	Captain A.A.M.C. in battle Driver-operator Wireless set Trailer		
<i>Total</i>				
<i>Personnel</i>				
<i>Other ranks</i>	18			
		<i>Weapons</i>		
		<i>Pistols</i>	8	
		<i>Sub machine guns</i>	10	
		<i>Administrative troop</i>		
Truck, ¼-ton	1	Provost sergeant Trailer		
Truck, ¼-ton	2	Corporal driver, M.T. Trailer		
Trucks, ¼-ton	3 – 5 (each)	Regimental police Trailer		
Trucks, ¼-ton	6 – 12 (each)	Driver, M.T. Trailer		
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	1	Squadron quartermaster-sergeant Corporal clerk Clerk Batman Driver, M.T.		
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	2	Armament artificer, fitter, A.F.V. Corporal mechanic, M.V. Batman Driver, M.T.		
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	3	Regimental quartermaster-sergeant 2 clerks Driver, M.T.		
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	4	Quartermaster-sergeant (technical) Batman Sergeant, fitter, A.F.V. Driver, M.T.		
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	5	Signal sergeant <i>Relief driver-operator for squadron headquarters</i> Driver, M.T.		
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	6	Captain, A.A.M.C. Sergeant, A.A.M.C. Batman Driver, M.T.		
Truck, 15-cwt., wireless		Quartermaster Batman Clerk Driver-operator Corporal driver, M.T.		

Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	1 Hygiene inspector Hygiene dutyman <i>2 relief driver-operators for regimental headquarters tanks</i> <i>2 relief driver-mechanics for regimental headquarters tanks</i> Driver-mechanic L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds Tk. A. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	2 Sergeant postal service 2 batmen Driver, M.T. Baggage and blankets L.M.G. and 1,000 round Tk. A. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	3 Transport sergeant Butcher Driver, M.T. Baggage and rations L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds Tk. A. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	4 Sergeant armourer Corporal armourer Fitter, gun Carpenter and joiner Equipment repairer Driver-mechanic L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds Tk. A. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	5 Storeman Driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds Tk. A. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	1 Technical storeman Driver-mechanic Wireless and M.T. spares Air compressor
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	2 Sergeant tailor Corporal tailor Corporal shoemaker Hygiene dutyman Driver, M.T. Medical stores
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	3 Technical storeman Driver, M.T. Petrol
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	4 Storeman Corporal mechanic, M.V. Driver, M.T. Ammunition
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	5 2 batmen Driver, M.T. Reserve clothing and gas stores
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	6 Caterer Cook Driver, M.T. Officers' mess equipment
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	7 Sergeant cook Corporal cook Cook Driver, M.T.
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	8 2 drivers, M.T. Ammunition



Truck, 3-ton, G.S.		9	Driver-mechanic 2 batmen
Truck, 3-ton, office unit			Orderly room sergeant Sergeant, A.A.P.C. Corporal clerk Driver-mechanic
Truck, 3-ton, stores, binned		1	Sergeant technical storman Technical storeman Driver-mechanic Corporal electrician
Truck, 3-ton, stores, binned		2	Corporal technical storeman Batman Driver, M.T.
Truck, 3-ton, water			Water dutyman Driver, M.T.
Left at base			Orderly room sergeant
Carried in intercommunication troop			Transport officer
<i>Total</i>			
<i>Personnel</i>			<i>Weapons</i>
<i>Officers</i>	3		<i>Pistols</i>
<i>Other ranks</i>	97		<i>Rifles</i>
			<i>Sub machine guns</i>
			<i>L.M.Gs.</i>
			<i>Tk. A. rifles</i>

#### ONE SQUADRON

##### *Squadron headquarters*

##### Fighting

Tank, light		1	Major Sergeant Driver-operator Corporal driver-operator
Tank, light		2	Squadron sergeant-major Driver-operator Gun-number Driver-mechanic
Tank, light		3	Captain Driver-operator Gun-number Corporal, driver-mechanic
Tank, light		4	Captain (rear link) Corporal driver-operator Gun-number Driver-mechanic
			<i>Administrative</i>
Truck, ¼-ton		1	Batman Driver-mechanic
Truck, ¼-ton		1	Squadron quartermaster-sergeant Driver-operator Wireless set Trailer
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.		1	Corporal, intelligence duties Corporal clerk Clerk Mechanic, M.V. Driver, M.T.
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.		2	Sergeant cook Corporal, A.A.M.C. 3 batmen Driver, M.T.

Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	1 Storeman 2 batmen 2 relief driver-operators Driver-mechanic Baggage and blankets L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds Tk. A. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	2 Transport sergeant Fitter 2 relief driver-mechanics Mechanic, M.V. Driver, M.T. Petrol L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds Tk. A. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	3 Sergeant Relief gun number for squadron headquarters tanks <i>4 relief gun numbers for troops</i> Corporal driver, M.T. Driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1,000 round
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	1 Corporal technical storeman Driver-mechanic Air compressor
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	2 Corporal cook 2 cooks Driver, M.T.
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	3 Hygiene dutyman Batman 2 drivers, M.T. Ammunition
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	4 Corporal fitter Mechanic, M.V. 2 drivers, M.T.
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	5 Driver-mechanic Driver, M.T. Ammunition
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	6 Mechanic, M.V. Driver, M.T. Petrol
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	7 Sergeant Corporal driver, M.T. <i>8 relief driver-operators for troops</i> <i>8 relief driver-mechanics for troops</i>
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	8 Sergeant fitter, A.F.V. Fitter Fitter, gun Mechanic, M.V. Driver, M.T.
Truck, 3-ton water	Water dutyman Driver, M.T.
Carrier, tracked, starting and charging	Electrician Driver-mechanic

*Total*

<i>Personnel</i>	
<i>Officers</i>	3
<i>Other ranks</i>	73

<i>Weapons</i>	
<i>Pistols</i>	24
<i>Rifles</i>	46
<i>Sub machine guns</i>	5
<i>L.M.Gs.</i>	3
<i>Tk. A. rifles</i>	2

*Four troops (each)*

Tank, light	1	Lieutenant Driver-operator Gun-number Corporal driver-mechanic
Tank, light	2	Sergeant Corporal driver-operator Gun-number Driver, mechanic
Tank, light	3	Corporal gun-number Driver-operator Gun-number Driver-mechanic
Carried in administrative portion of squadron headquarters		2 relief driver-operators 2 relief driver-mechanics Relief gun-number

*Total*

<i>Personnel</i>		<i>Weapons</i>	
<i>Officer</i>	1	<i>Pistols</i>	14
<i>Other ranks</i>	16	<i>Sub machine guns</i>	3

TWO SQUADRONS (EACH)

*Squadron headquarters*

*Fighting*

Tank, medium	1	Major Sergeant Driver-operator Gunner-operator Gun-number Corporal driver-mechanic
Tank, medium	2	Squadron sergeant-major Driver-operator 2 gunner-operators Gun-number Driver-mechanic
Tank, medium	3	Captain Driver-operator 2 gunner-operators Gun-number Corporal driver-mechanic
Tank, medium	4	Captain (rear link) Corporal driver-operator 2 gunner-operators Gun-number Driver-mechanic

*Administrative*

Truck, ¼-ton	1	<i>Major</i> Batman Driver-mechanic
Truck, ¼-ton	2	Squadron quartermaster-sergeant Driver-operator Wireless set Trailer
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	1	Corporal, intelligence duties Corporal clerk Clerk Mechanic, M.V. Driver, M.T.

Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	2	Sergeant cook Corporal, A.A.M.C. 3 batmen Driver, M.T.
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	1	Storeman 2 batmen 2 relief driver-operators for squadron headquarters tanks Driver-mechanic Baggage and blankets L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds Tk. A. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	2	Transport sergeant Fitter 2 relief driver-mechanics for squadron headquarters tanks Mechanic, M.V. Driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds Tk. A. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	3	Sergeant 6 relief gun number for squadron headquarters tanks Corporal driver, M.T. Driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1,000 round
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	1	Corporal technical storeman Driver-mechanic Wireless and M.T. stores Air compressor
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	2	Corporal cook 3 cooks Driver, M.T. Cooking sets
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	3	Hygiene dutyman Batman 2 drivers, M.T. Ammunition
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	4	Corporal fitter Mechanic, M.V. 2 drivers, M.T. Ammunition
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	5 – 7 (each)	Driver-mechanic Driver, M.T. Ammunition
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	8	Mechanic, M.V. Driver, M.T. Petrol
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	9	Sergeant Corporal driver, M.T. <i>8 relief driver-operators for troops</i> <i>4 relief driver-mechanics for troops</i>
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	10	Sergeant fitter, A.F.V. Fitter Fitter, gun Mechanic, M.V. Driver, M.T.
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	11	Driver, M.T. <i>8 relief driver-mechanics for troops</i> <i>4 relief gunner-operators for troops</i>
Truck, 3-ton, water		Water dutyman Driver, M.T.

Total

Personnel

Officers 3  
Other ranks 9

Weapons

Pistols 32  
Rifles 52  
Sub machine guns 9  
L.M.Gs. 3  
Tk. A. rifles 2

Four troops (each)

Tank medium 1 Lieutenant  
Driver-operator  
2 gunner-operators  
Gun-number  
Corporal driver-mechanic

Tank medium 2 Sergeant  
Corporal driver-operator  
2 gunner-operators  
Gun-number  
Driver-mechanic

Tank medium 3 Corporal gun-number  
Driver-operator  
2 gunner-operators  
Gun-number  
Driver-mechanics

Carried in administrative portion of squadron headquarters 2 relief driver-operators  
2 relief driver-mechanics  
Relief gunner-operator  
Relief gun number

Total

Personnel

Officer 1  
Other ranks 23

Weapons

Pistols 18  
Sub machine guns 6

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	353	12	2,118	6,354
Rifles, .303-inch	156	50	16,000	23,800
Rifles, .303-inch for attached personnel	62	20		1,240
Sub machine guns	104	200	41,600	62,400
A.A.L.M.Gs., .303-inch	14	1,000	7,000	21,000
Tk. A. rifles, .55-inch	11	200	440	2,640
Tanks, light (16)				
Brownings, .30-inch	48	2,000	48,000	144,000
37-m.m. guns	16	103	832	2,480
Pistols, signal	16	12	96	288
Dischargers, smoke generator, 4-inch	32	4	64	192
Grenades, hand, No. 36M		6	48	144
Tanks, medium (36)				
Brownings, .30-inch	72	3,000	108,000	324,000
37-m.m. guns	36	139	2,484	7,488
75-m.m. guns	36	65	1,188	3,528
Pistols, signal	36	12	216	648
Grenades, hand, No. 36M		6	108	324

- (a) Includes one 2nd-in-command, who commands half squadron when operating detached and 1 rear link.
- (b) Commands headquarters tanks
- (c) One will be attached to L. of C. Area Records Officer. the N.C.O. selected for this appointment may be provided from personnel classified medically fit, class B.
- (d) At least one officer and 20 rank and file will be trained in gas duties and decontamination work. One man in each squadron will be trained to repair boots as a part time employment. The drivers of the trucks, 3-ton, water will also be trained in water duties.
- (e) Includes or is a corporal.
- (f) Includes 2 corporals.

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS AND ATTACHED

*Details left at base –*

*Orderly room sergeant (Attached to L. of C. Area Records Officer)* 1

*First reinforcements –*

Captain	1
Lieutenants	5
Warrant officer class II	1
Sergeants	4
Rank and file (including 6 corporals (includes	56
Driver-operators (trade group II)	11
Gunner-operators (trade group II)	8
Clerk (trade group III)	1
Driver-mechanics (trade group III)	11
Technical storeman (trade group III)	1
Drivers, M.T.	8
Gun-numbers	9
Total	67

*Attached –*

*Signal Section Aust. Corps of Signals – see W.E. of an Armoured Brigade Signal Squadron in Vol. I*

*Light Aid Detachment A.E.M.E. – see W.E. of Light Aid Detachments, A.E.M.E. in Vol. I*